COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

AN ADJUSTMENT OF THE GAS) RATES OF THE UNION LIGHT,) HEAT AND POWER COMPANY)

CASE NO. 2005-00042

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPLY TO MOTION PERTAINING TO INTERIM EXTENSION OF RATES

Though it might be less expensive to ratepayers to agree to extend the Rider AMRP and otherwise maintain the rates in effect until such time as the Commission enters its decision in this rate application, the Attorney General cannot agree to the extension of a rate whose validity is challenged on appeal as being void *ab initio* because it is beyond the power of the Commission to establish the Rider. Further, this Motion again asks for the relief the Commission has already refused to grant by Order of January 27, 2005, in *In the Matter of Th e Union Light, Heat and Power Company's Motion for Extension of Filing Date and Continuation of its Current Rider ARMP Rates*, Case Number 2004-00403. No appeal was taken from that Order. Therefore, the Attorney General objects to the extension of the Rider AMRP pending the decision in this case.

Respectfully submitted

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NOTICE OF FILING AND CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I hereby give notice that I have filed the original and ten true copies of the foregoing with the Executive Director of the Kentucky Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601 this the 26th day of September, 2005, and certify that this same day I have served the parties by mailing a true copy, postage prepaid, to the following:

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